



# **Transportation and the Environment Promoting and Protecting the Public Interest**

**Emmer Shields  
Local Roads & Streets Council  
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# A Working Conference

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- Local Roads and Streets Council

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- Wisconsin Department of Transportation
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## **Time & Place**

**UW – Stevens Point**

**University Center**

**Room 102 – Melvin Laird Room**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

**8:30 AM – 4:30 PM**



# Local Transportation & the Environment

- Began with concepts from LRSC
- Interdisciplinary team
  - DOT
  - DNR
  - Local officials

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# **Local Transportation & the Environment – Vision**

- **Serving the public interest through cooperation & commitment.**



## **Local Transportation & the Environment – Mission**

- **Develop a new approach for delivery of local transportation projects while promoting environmental conservation and protecting resources.**
- **Includes DOT-administered and 100% local projects**



## Process Problems

- Process costs need to be reduced
- Process time needs to be reduced
- Process needs to be simplified
- Need to build trust and partnerships
- Need to improve local government's role in protecting the environment.
- Need to improve WiDNR's effectiveness in reaching environmental protection goals



## **Local Transportation & the Environment – Goals**

- **Institute a clear & simple process that promotes/encourages improved compliance utilizing common understanding & mutual acceptance.**
- **Foster common understanding & acceptance of a clear & simple process that reduces time and cost.**





# Local Transportation & the Environment – Goals

- Develop a process that makes people key to achieving the public interest by:
  - Improving Relationships
  - Developing Trust
  - Removing Fear
  - Fostering Cooperation/Commitment
  - Developing Confidence in Decision-makers
  - Creating Solid Partnerships



# Local Transportation & the Environment – Goals

- Process that accepts and utilizes common approaches to provide desired project outcomes.
  - Best Management Practices
  - Standard Plans
  - Standard Processes



## Workshop Products

- Solutions for each problem.
- How do the stated solutions meet the desired goals and outcomes?
- What barriers exist for implementation of solutions?



## Workshop Products (cont.)

- Steps required to overcome barriers and implement solutions?
- Identify the parties or persons needed to implement each solution
- How do we measure success?



## **Post Workshop Effort**

- 1. Report to WisDOT and WiDNR Secretaries**
- 2. After buy-in begin implementation process**
- 3. Report to LRSC on results**